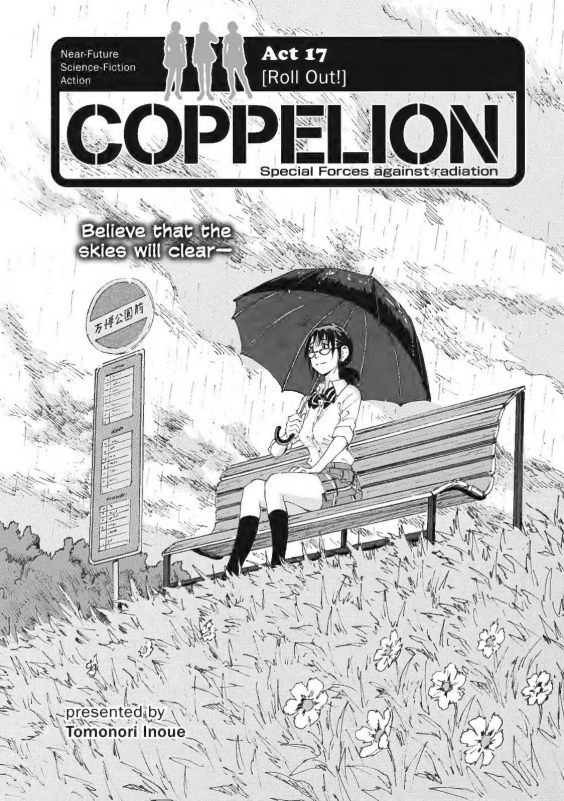
Near-Future
Science-Fiction
Action

Act 17
[Roll Out!]

COPPELION

Special Forces against radiation



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Alice's unstable condition crumbles...!
RESCUE
RESCUE
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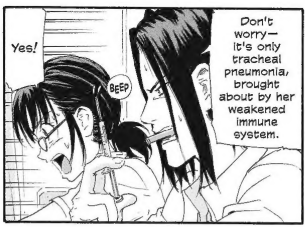
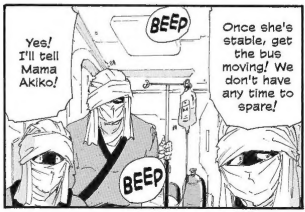
2036 AD. The three professors invaded Tokyo with a Yellow Cake fleet behind them! But the Retrieval Unit are now working with Dr. Coppelius. Not only did they refuse to hand over Aoi Fukasaku—they murdered the three professors! At the same time, Alice's fragile condition changes...?!
Midnight, August 14, Denenchofu—


Yes!
BEEP
Don't worry—it's only tracheal pneumonia, brought about by her weakened immune system.


BEEP
Yes! I'll tell Mama Akiko!
Once she's stable, get the bus moving! We don't have any time to spare!
BEEP

BEEP
Put her on her side. Keep her breathing!
Yes!
I'm going to administer a hemostatic agent. How's her pulse?!
It's slowing!

...Alice is okay...?
Do you think...
映像室
Tokyo Uni-versity —
Why must such an awful thing befall an innocent child?
If only we could take her place...
She was coughing up blood?
How's her condi-tion?!
Alice...
Taeko!
IBARA!
FWT

BEEP
But we can't give her proper care here...
BEEP
We need to take her to a real hospital—
Her breathing has calmed. She's sleeping.
She's safe for now...!
Just leave it to me!
We're already on our way.
Can you head for Haneda?!
The VP should be there in two more hours!
VROOOOM
100
I'll make sure everyone gets on that submarine!

Don't fret, rep, you can leave them in her hands!
Little Miss Taeko's come a long way.
Phew... thank God!
Heeey, we're baaack!
You're right!
Yeah ...
...What're you lookin' for?
SWSH
SWSH
Oh, I...
Yo, Ibara Naruse!
We had our-selves a throw-down.
SMACK
Ozu sisters!

What ...?
He went off on his own.
Haruto? He's not with us!
I'll never understand that guy...
He said he had "homework" to take care of or something.
STAAARE
Uh...
Forget about it!

Now then...
It's a new day.
Let's review the situation.
55 survivors are headed to Haneda Airport by bus.
Hold on, now! Don't forget about them fossil-oids!
We've got no idea when they might come after us!
An' the Black Wings drones were all de-stroyed...
So the government can't push us around!
Oh yeah, those things. How many of 'em were left again?
There were... let's see now...
The only enemy left is Dr. Coppelius an' the Retrieval Crew—who snatched up Aoi Fukasaku.

Tokyo Eco Summit Round Table—
DOOO
OMONE ONE
...
Ah... Secretary Ougai!
Yes, sir!
Colonel Komatsu.
FWIP
Shouldn't you be at the conference?
...
How odd! I thought we'd taken care of that...
I see...!
It seems that our opposition is serious about moving for a vote of no-confidence today.
I've an awful headache. So I stepped out.

There was a malfunction! I'll see to it that those responsible are dealt with!
Y-Yes, sir!
The Black Wings drones were wiped out, weren't they?
We may not have the time for that.
Komatsu.
We'll exhaust every option to recover Aoi Fukasaku—
We'll draft a new plan immediately!
CHK
But Secretary...
It's in the best interest of the country to—
While we're playing this foolish card game, that threat is steadily returning.
CLOP
CLOP
The coffin surrounding Daiba has been reopened.

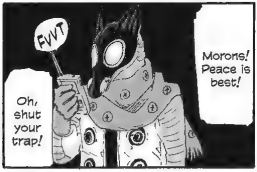
The best interest, you say...
What *is* in a country's best interest?
SWP
Th-That voice!
GREETINGS, GENTLEMEN!
...
CHK
It's coming from the round table...!

IT IS I, DR. COPPELIUS! A GOOD MORNING TO YOU ALL!
HA HA HA HA!
What madness is it this time?!
It's him!
...He's back to strike a deal.
You bastard... what did you do with the completed Coppelion?!
Y-You again!
CLATTER

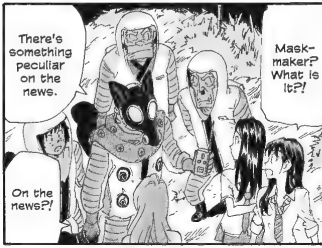
...I'M HARD AT WORK COMPILING DATA.
NOW THAT AOI FUKASAKU IS BACK IN MY POSSESSION...
EVERYONE LISTENING? I WON'T REPEAT MYSELF.
CLACK
Yes... the completed Coppelion genome map.
You know what I'm referring to, do you not?
CLACK
CLACK
...YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE AS MANY FLAWLESS "SUPER-HUMANS" AS YOU PLEASE.
...NO MATTER HOW WEAK THE NATION...
WITH THIS DATA...

!
I'LL MAKE YOU AN OFFER.
BUT AS YOU NOW KNOW, THAT WAS A WASTE OF MONEY AND EFFORT.
AND SO—
YOU FOOLS ATTEMPTED TO STEAL THIS POWER THROUGH FORCE...
BWAAAAM
Wh—? You bastards!
...TO THE FIRST COUNTRY TO FULFILL MY CONDI-TIONS.
I'LL GIVE THE GENOME DATA...
Tell us...!
What are your condi-tions?!

The survivors are our first priority.
Let's head for Haneda!
Alright!
SHNK

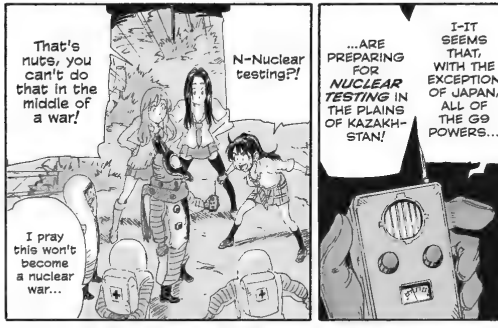

FWT
Oh, shut your trap!
Morons! Peace is best!

Nooo that's so boring, I wanna fight something!
Say what?!


There's something peculiar on the news.
On the news?!
Mask-maker? What is it?!

Miss Ibara!

WHILE FORCES FROM AROUND THE WORLD AWAIT ORDERS IN KAZAKHSTAN...
WE HAVE AN URGENT REPORT!
THIS IS NEWS PLANET RADIO!


That's nuts, you can't do that in the middle of a war!
N-Nuclear testing?!
I pray this won't become a nuclear war...
...ARE PREPARING FOR NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE PLAINS OF KAZAKHSTAN!
I-IT SEEMS THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JAPAN, ALL OF THE G9 POWERS...

Secretary Ougai, please respond!
HQ is on channel 1.
I dunno!
Sis, what's nuke-you-ler testing?

You've heard fore-boding news, perhaps?
What is it?
FWT
IT'S ME, IBARA NARUSE!
SECRE-TARY OUGA!
Is it Dr. Coppelius' doing?!
The nuclear testing...
He's promised a special prize...
...to the fool who meets his ridiculous conditions.
It's a *nuclear attack* on Kazakhstan land, Miss Represen-tative.
Nuclear testing... is that what they're calling it?
RAAA
An attack induced by Dr. Coppelius, of course.

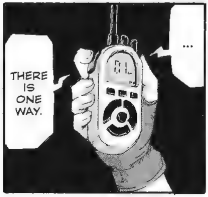
Then... in exchange for a nuclear attack...
...he's handing over the technology to create more Coppelion?!

You started to first!
You fool! Why are you preparing for nuclear testing?!
RAA
RAA
Naturally, no country wishes to launch nuclear missiles.
How-ever—
...They're in the midst of a heated debate now.
Even if *we* don't do it...
Wait!
Stand down! Do not fire! It absolutely, positively must not happen!
No matter what! Think of the planet's future!
Listen, everyone— do *not* launch those missiles!
It's starting to sound like you're *encouraging* us to fire!
RAA
R-A-A-
D!!
M!!

We'll have to make as if we refuse to do it... while finishing our preparations before they can!
Shit!
Then they'll get their hands on that data!
BAM
We're back to where we started!
...
The super-powers...
Might not be so hesitant!
Miss Representative...
Even I am at a loss.
If it's to gain supremacy over a new age...
...one of them may very well press the fire button.

Is there any way to stop this?!
What's your plan?

YOUR VICE PRINCIPAL'S HUNCH WAS RIGHT.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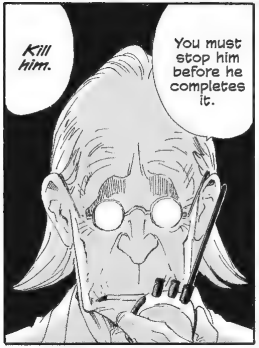
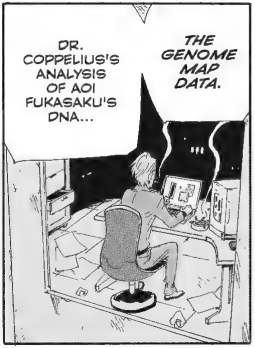
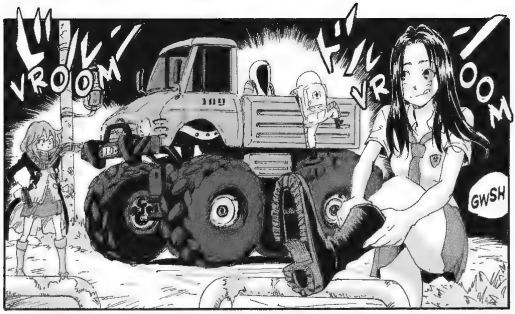

You must stop him before he completes it.
Kill him.


DR. COPPELIUS'S ANALYSIS OF AOI FUKASAKU'S DNA...
THE GENOME MAP DATA.

...
Look, asshole...
You can't just order us around!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH YOU SCREWED US OVER?!
AND YOU STILL WANNA ORDER US AROUND LIKE PUPPETS?!
THAT'S BULLSHIT!
...I no longer have any right to do so.
Our administration may come crashing down by the end of the day.
But... I want you to know one thing.

I've always had Japan's best interests in mind.
And now...
...it's suffocating me.
But...
I could never kill anyone.
...Secretary Ougai.

I *can* save people.
That's what I believe!
Whatever, have it your way!
Yaaay! Fight, fight!


VROOM
VROOM
GWSH

Hoho! If a nuclear war starts, what's the point in leavin' Tokyo?
This fight's for humanity!
We can help!

H-Hey, Ryuno-suke!
You're goin' to Haneda!

The Doctor seems to be a very thorough man.

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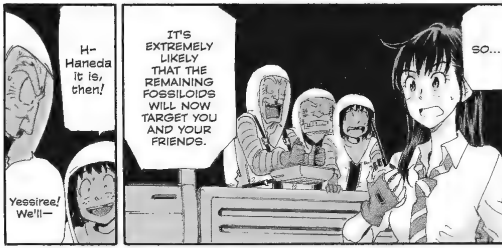
MISS REPRESENTATIVE... ONE MORE THING.

He's ordered the G9 leaders...
...to do "everything in their power"...
...to stop anyone in Tokyo from interfering with his work.


So...
IT'S EXTREMELY LIKELY THAT THE REMAINING FOSSILOIDS WILL NOW TARGET YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.
H-Haneda it is, then!
Yessiree! We'll—

Okay ...
Changin' your tune now, are ya?
Start up the Edon Type-O!
KCHK
I-I don't wanna die here!

This's our last battle...
Roll out!
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W
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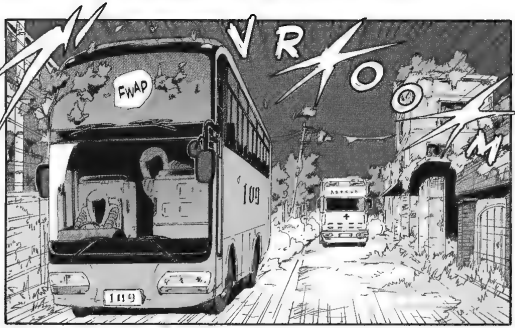
FWAP
VROOM
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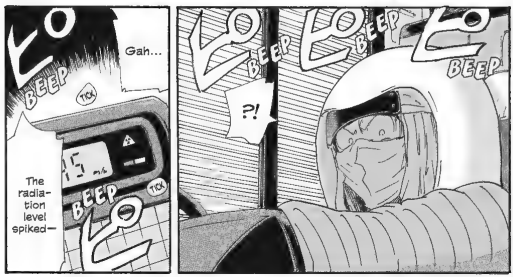
Alice is in danger, we can't take our time!
VROOM
Shouldn't you slow down?!
Hey...!


BEEP
TICK
Gah...
The radiation level spiked—
BEEP
TICK
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
?!

SLAM
Dammit !!
Hit the brakes!
A danger zone!
SKREE
I-I can't, we're too heavy!
We're tipping over!
Idiot!
Get it back under control!
AAH!

SLAM
TMP
SKRRSH
THUD
KRISH
The bus!
Oh, no...!
FSSSH

I know! Help me!
RAA
Mama Akiko! There's smoke—
Is everyone okay?!
Hurry!
Everyone, we can get out from here!
RAA
SPARK
...?!
43... 44... only one more—
Everyone, away from the bus!
Quickly!
Miss Oshizu ?!
BEEP!

It's too late!
The fire's—
R-Radiation! It's comiling!
BEEP
BEEP
DASH
Ah...
Taeko!!
BOOM
!!

...
RAAA
It blew!
Run!
FWOOOOM
T-Tae-kooo!
SMOOSH
Thank the stars you're alright!

They're all gone!
WOOOM
The oxygen tanks...
What do we do now...?!
We're not alright...
RESCUE
Mr. Asimov...
How much oxygen do you have left?
...About four hours worth.
Walking to Haneda in these numbers... we'd just barely make it.

Let's move!
RESCUE
We're making a detour!
Every-one, hang in there!
SW
Their determination to survive is unhindered...!!!
SH
to be continued...